

INCOMING TELEGRAM

Department of State

ACTION COPY

**SECRET**  
Classification

Control: 1326  
Rec'd: NOVEMBER 24 7:30 AM

1958 NOV 24 AM 10 10

OFFICE OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS  
MESSAGE CENTER

Action

EUR

Info  
RMR

SS

G

SP

C

INR

H

P

FROM: PARIS

TO: Secretary of State

NO: POLTO 1415, NOVEMBER 24, NOON

Downgraded To: SECRET  
EO 11652: XGDS 2 4

Authorized By: H. D. [Signature]  
August 4, 1975

NIACT

SENT DEPARTMENT POLTO 1415 REPEATED INFORMATION BONN POLTO 248  
BERLIN POLTO 18 LONDON POLTO 406 MOSCOW POLTO 69

TOP SECRET

LIMIT DISTRIBUTION.

USRO SUBMITS FOLLOWING COMMENTS RE BERLIN FROM NATO  
POINT OF VIEW.

1) WE HAVE SEEN NORSTAD'S MESSAGE TO JCS EC-9-6265  
WHICH WE THINK IS VERY GOOD ESTIMATE OF MILITARILY DESIRABLE  
COURSE OF CONDUCT. BUT, AS NORSTAD NOTES, IT IS INDISPEN-  
SABLE THAT WE BRING OUR ALLIES ALONG WITH US IN ANY SUCH  
OPERATION.

2) SEEMS TO US KEY PROBLEM IS THAT OF NOT ONLY GOVERNMENTAL  
BUT PUBLIC OPINION OF OUR ALLIES. IT IS OUR ESTIMATE THAT  
BROADLY SPEAKING OPINION IN NATO COUNTRIES IS NOT PREPARED  
AT THIS TIME TO RISK HOSTILITIES POSSIBLY LEADING TO  
MAJOR WAR OVER PRESENT ISSUE.

3) OUR GENERAL VIEW IS THAT OUR ALLIES WILL NOT BE PREPARED  
TO BACK US FULLY FOR A COURSE OF CONDUCT WHICH WILL NOT  
MAKE IT CLEAR TO PUBLIC OPINION THAT AT EACH STEP ALONG  
THE WAY ALL REASONABLE MEANS SHORT OF FORCE HAVE BEEN  
EXHAUSTED BY WEST AND THAT ONUS OF TAKING HOSTILE ACTION  
INESCAPABLY PINNED ON COMMUNISTS NOT ONLY LEGALLY,  
BUT ALSO IN WAY CONVINCING TO MAN IN STREET.

PERMANENT

RECORD COPY • This copy must be retained in central files with notation of action taken.

**SECRET**

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS  
COPY IS PROHIBITED.  
UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

This Document must be Returned  
to the RMR Central Files

762.00/11-2458

SF

TOP SECRET FILE

FILED

DEC 10 1958

Destroyed in RMR  
Name: [Signature] Date: 12/23/58

Copy No(s) 12

NND 901029-113

~~TOP SECRET~~

- 2 - POLTO 1415, NOVEMBER 24, NOON FROM PARIS

4) I RECOGNIZE THAT IN THIS QUESTION WE CONSTANTLY FACE DILEMMA BETWEEN NEED FOR PROMPT ACTION AND TIME FOR CONSULTATION, BUT BELIEVE FAILURE TO ALLOW FOR NATO CONSULTATION WILL FACE ALLIES WITH DIFFICULT POLITICAL POSITION AT HOME.

BURGESS

JYH/22

~~TOP SECRET~~

901029 -114